

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claim 4 and amended claim 1 such that claims 1-3 and 5 are pending. Applicants respectfully request allowance of all the pending claims.

Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

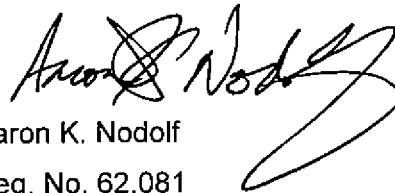
The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United Kingdom Patent No. GB 110,378 ("Marks").

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 4. Claim 1 is therefore allowable. Claims 2, 3, and 5 depend from claim 1 and are therefore also allowable for these and other reasons.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Marks, and allowance of pending claims 1-3 and 5.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should the Examiner determine that such action would facilitate the prosecution and allowance of the present application.

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